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*A concrete truck overturned on the on ramp from Interstate 495 to west bound Route 7 on February 15, 2004. The driver of the concrete truck was extricated by Rescue 418 with assistance from Rescue 401. The patient was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital by Medic 418. (Photo by Captain II Daniel V. Gray, EMS404.)*



Michael P. Neuhard

***"In order to effectively serve the public, we must arrive safely and be ready to go."***

## From The Fire Chief . . .

There's a lot going on! Two summits on the holdover/recall/callback issue have been completed. A policy on alternative service delivery has been published. The countywide rotating alphabetized holdover/recall list has been implemented. We have implemented a Staff Support Plan to Operations. The EMS Restructure Committee, EMS Recruitment Retention Committee, Ad Hoc EMS Transport Billing Task Force and the Professional Development Task Force have all produced final reports. The Volunteer Assessment RFP has been issued and a vendor will be selected soon. The Diversity Task Force continues its deliberations. Copies of all of this work, as well as other important documents, are available on the Intranet. I encourage all of you to take time to review these documents as they are the template for the future.

In the coming months I will be consolidating the recommendations of these various groups and publishing an action plan which will carry us through the implementation phase of these recommendations. I appreciate everyone's continued support and efforts on these initiatives, they will change the way in which we do business as a fire and rescue department.

As you know the budget deliberations for FY 2005 has

concluded. Fire and Rescue Department allocations include the staffing of the new station at Fairfax Center and a series of across-the-board pay adjustments for uniformed personnel. By the time you read this, the details of the budget will have been published by the County and the Department. As you are aware, as a part of the FY 2005 budget, I have proposed the implementation of an EMS transport fee. Implementation of this fee will involve a new patient care reporting system, the addition of a program management staff, a large-scale public education campaign, and training of all providers. The EMS transport fee was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on May 24, 2004. Further details can be found in the staff report which is posted on the Intranet.

I am continuing to work with the County Executive, Department of Management and Budget, and the Board of Supervisors on a premium pay plan for ALS providers, a relief squad for ALS providers, and Phase One implementation of the EMS restructuring which includes some supervisory ranks (battalion chiefs), quality assurance management positions, and training positions. I hope to be able to complete planning and negotiations soon.

We will also implement a new job classification in the next recruit school known as firefighter/medic. The firefighter/medic will be an S-18

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# From The Editor . . .



Company and specialty patches are alive and well. More and more of our companies are designing and submitting patches for approval—we now even have an approved battalion patch in the Department. Allow me to share the brief history of patches that grew from the United States Army during the Civil War.

A mistake in identification by a general early in the Civil War started the system of shoulder patches that now is common in the United States Army. The use of these distinctive unit emblems to identify soldiers as members of organizations with proud traditions all started when General Philip Kearny, in the summer of 1862, mistook some officers for stragglers from his own command.

As described by General E.B. Townsend: "The officers listened in silence, respectfully standing in the 'position of a soldier' until he had finished, when one of them, raising his hand to his cap, quietly suggested that the general had possibly made a mistake, as none of them belonged to his command. With his usual courtesy, Kearny exclaimed 'Pardon me; I will take steps to know how to recognize my own men hereafter.'"

The result was an order that officers of his command should thereafter wear "on the front of their caps a round piece of red cloth to designate them." Thus was born the famous "Kearny Patch." Although Kearny had designated the patch to distinguish his officers, enlisted men of his command very soon adopted the red patch, often cutting up their overcoat red lining to make them. The men thought highly of Kearny and were anxious to identify themselves as members of his command. The practice is said to have reduced straggling—even the Confederates are reputed to have given special attention to wounded and dead wearing the patch because they recognized the valor of Kearny's troops.

Another story relating to patches is told this way: One day a soldier in the corps of Major General John

Logan in 1863 was asked where his corps patch was. Clapping his hand on his cartridge box, he said "Forty Rounds. Can you show me a better one?" Shortly thereafter, General Logan issued General Order Number 10 prescribing that the badge for the Fifteenth Corps should be "a miniature cartridge box and above the box will be inscribed the words 'Forty Rounds.'"

The badge of the Fourteenth Army Corps also told a story. Members had oftentimes referred to themselves as "acorn boys" because at one time when rations were scanty, the men roasted and ate acorns. In 1864, their badge was designated in the form of an acorn.

As I share these stories, the Department is in the midst of compiling all the various company and specialty patches that have been approved over the years. The idea is to consolidate all patches and publish them in Line Copy for all to see and share. Most would agree that it is time to do this.

I'm sure that the symbolism of unit and company patches has helped members communicate a special pride in the organization they belong to and are part of. The resulting esprit de corps and morale building that has occurred and will continue has been worthy of the time and effort put into designing these important company and specialty patches. We hope to publish them in an upcoming Line Copy issue. ♦

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# 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Valor Awards

## *Silver Medal*



**Firefighter**  
**Michael V. Allen**  
Fire and Rescue Station 37  
C-Shift

On the evening of Monday, December 16, 2002, Engine and Ambulance 437 responded to an accident with injury at the intersection of Beulah Street and Telegraph Road. The engine company officer reported one vehicle off the road onto a small embankment, and an off duty Fairfax County firefighter was on the scene assisting the patient, as well as other bystanders.

Prior to the accident, Firefighter Michael Allen was traveling southbound on Beulah Street and Telegraph Road, when he witnessed an automobile out of control traveling southbound on Telegraph Road. The vehicle went over the median strip, into northbound traffic, and traveled into a small embankment and came to a stop. The engine was still running, and the wheels were spinning out of control up the hill.

Firefighter Allen safely stopped his vehicle, and requested a bystander to call 911. As he proceeded to enter the vehicle and render assistance to the patient, he noticed the patient was unconscious, unresponsive, and seizing. The vehicle doors were locked, and the inside of the car was filled with smoke, making it difficult for the patient to breathe and to be seen. He picked up a rock and broke the rear window of the vehicle.

Without hesitation, protection, and concern for

his own safety, he exposed himself to toxic gases, and broken glass. With the wheels spinning out of control, he crawled through the rear broken window to free the patient from her seat belt, and away from the accelerator pedal as the patient was seizing. Firefighter Allen then assessed her airway, and maintained cervical immobilization.

Breaking the window and opening the doors allowed the black, thick smoke to escape. At this point, Fire and Rescue Station 37 units arrived and reported all information to the engine officer in charge.



**Lieutenant**  
**Edward D. Bowman**  
Fire and Rescue Station 1  
A-Shift



**Captain I**  
**Samuel L. Gray**  
Fire and Rescue Station 13  
C-Shift



**Technician**  
**Thomas L. Flint**  
Fire and Rescue Station 1  
A-Shift

Monday, April 14, 2003, at approximately 5:40 p.m., units from McLean Fire and Rescue Station 1 responded to 7329 Westerly Lane for a report of

workers trapped in mud due to a trench collapse. First arriving units reported two men trapped in an 8 ½ foot deep trench against the foundation wall of a single-family dwelling. The victims had been resealing the foundation wall from water leakage. The trench was unshored, unprotected, and dirt removed from the trench was precariously close to the edge of the trench wall. The wall had collapsed and entrapped the two workers.

The first victim was trapped to his waist in the heavy, thick, saturated clay. Victim one was positioned partially on top of victim two. Victim two was trapped up to his neck in the heavy clay with the additional weight of his co-worker upon him. The weight of the soil and his co-worker were causing victim two to suffer severe crushing pressures upon his body and most importantly his chest. The elevated weight restricted his breathing to critical levels. Victim two was very ashen in color upon the first unit's arrival, due to his inadequate breathing depth and rate. His medical condition was deteriorating rapidly and he was approaching unconsciousness.

Upon arrival, personnel from McLean Fire and Rescue Station 1 performed a size-up and determined that waiting for the technical rescue response units would surely result in victim two dying, and would cause additional injury and suffering to victim one. Lieutenant Gray, Lieutenant Bowman, and Technician Flint, on their own initiative, entered the trench ignoring the danger to them in a calculated effort to begin the rescue operation. Gray, Bowman, and Flint began digging with small hand tools and their own hands in an attempt to relieve the pressure from victim two's chest. Additionally, Gray, Bowman, and Flint provided emergency medical intervention to include supplemental oxygen therapy to both victims.

In conjunction with their efforts, Gray and Bowman directed personnel to ready the site with only makeshift tools for the technical rescue complement's access. Escape ladders were established, bucket brigades for removing dirt were engaged, and construction materials were rounded up to construct interim shoring until

technical rescue arrived.

Victim one was removed within 14 minutes of arrival of the first unit. He suffered injuries to his lower limbs and was transported to INOVA Fairfax Hospital. The second victim was now exposed and concentrated rescue efforts continued to restore adequate air movement and the ultimate removal from the collapse. Victim two's status rapidly improved from the rescue efforts and upon arrival of technical rescue, a full technical rescue operation ensued. McLean fire and rescue units and personnel remained in a supportive role. The conventional trench rescue operations yielded the final extrication, packaging, and transport of the second victim to INOVA Fairfax Hospital within an hour and twenty nine minutes of the first unit's arrival. Both victims received definitive treatment and care at INOVA Fairfax Hospital and ultimately went home to their families with anticipated complete recoveries. The smooth methodical technical rescue operations were facilitated and enhanced directly from McLean Fire and Rescue Station personnel preliminary actions.

Lieutenant Bowman, Lieutenant Gray, and Technician Flint exercised swift, calculated, and decisive actions outside their normal duties. Their actions and achievements are in keeping with the highest traditions of the fire service.



**Firefighter  
Richard D. Riley**

Fire and Rescue Station 10  
C-Shift

On the morning of December 7, 2002, units from Bailey's Crossroads Fire and Rescue Station 10 were dispatched for an apartment fire at 6129 Leesburg Pike.

First arriving units reported a twelve-story



high-rise building with heavy fire venting from the sixth floor apartment windows and balcony. Truck 410 pulled in front of the building. As personnel from Truck 410 were exiting the truck, they heard people screaming from the balconies outside the building, indicating to them there was someone on the fifth floor balcony that needed assistance. Master Technician Sparrow directed Firefighter Riley to position the ladder and assist the victim on the fifth floor balcony, while the rest of the crew went to assist firefighters with the sixth floor apartment fire.

Firefighter Riley donned his firefighter gear and breathing apparatus, and raised the ladder to the balcony below the fire where the victim had been located. As Riley positioned the ladder, the fire continued to intensely grow while dropping small fire balls and other debris to the floors below and to the ground. This all made for a more difficult rescue operation. Riley placed Truck 10's aerial tip on top of the balcony where the victim was located. Riley ascended on the ladder to the fifth floor to reassure the victim that everything was going to be fine. As Riley got closer to the balcony, he noticed the victim had been burned severely and was bleeding profusely from wounds on his body.

Due to the seriousness of the situation (a victim with severe burns, in extreme pain, and losing consciousness), Riley decided to remove the victim via the ladder by himself. Riley hoisted the victim up on the ladder from the balcony floor (three or four feet in height). While on the aerial ladder, Riley proceeded to get in front of the victim, placing his arms underneath each armpit and his knee under the victim's groin to support the victim's descent down the aerial ladder.

As soon the victim was on the aerial ladder, some of the patient's skin and hair that was smoldering caught fire and Riley had to extinguish it using his gloved hands, unintentionally causing more extreme pain to the victim. Riley reassured the victim that the fire needed to be put out.

As the victim was being assisted down the ladder, he lost consciousness twice, and slumped over Riley's arms. Firefighter Riley and the

victim reached the base of the ladder, and were assisted by Rescue 418 personnel in the removal of the victim to the medic unit. After placing the victim on the medic unit, Firefighter Riley went to the truck, retrieved some of his work tools and went up to the fire floor to meet with crews.



**Master Technician  
Timothy A. Sparrow**  
Fire and Rescue Station 10  
C-Shift

**S**aturday, July 19, 2003, at approximately 5:30 p.m., units from Baileys Crossroads Fire and Rescue Station 10 responded to an apartment fire at 804 South Florida Street. First arriving units reported a three-story garden apartment building with heavy fire visible from the front of the structure, and smoke noticeable from all sides of the building. Additionally, there were numerous residents at the third floor windows yelling for help.

Master Technician Sparrow noticed a woman hanging outside a third floor window with her child hanging around her neck. Sparrow immediately retrieved a thirty-five foot ground ladder and expediently raised and placed the ladder next to the victim. The victim attempted to grab the ladder. Her attempt was unsuccessful, and both the victim and child fell to the ground.

Master Technician Sparrow, realized the potential for serious injury or death and without hesitation and great personal risk, performed a valorous act and placed himself between the victims and the ground in an attempt to catch the pair and break their fall.

Sparrow partially caught them, breaking their fall, and in the process injuring himself. Even with his injuries, Sparrow continued to assist

them from the danger of falling debris and other residents who were jumping at the time.

Sparrow prevented serious injuries to the mother and child. They were removed to the care of emergency personnel, and transported to a local hospital. The mother sustained moderate orthopedic injuries and the child was transported for observation.

During the course of his valorous actions, Master Technician Sparrow placed himself at a great personal risk by attempting to catch the falling mother and child, preventing them from further injuries or loss of life. After securing the victims fall, Sparrow had to crawl away from the building to seek treatment for his own injuries.



**Lieutenant  
Daniel T. Young**  
Recruitment Branch

On the morning of November 27, 2002, Lieutenant Young was at home sleeping in the family room, when he was awakened by his wife, who told him that a neighbor's home was on fire. He got up, looked out the front window and noticed a large column of smoke and fire coming from somewhere within the community. He went upstairs to have a better look and called 911 to report the house fire. He immediately contacted the Springfield Fire and Rescue Station to make them aware of the situation, reporting it to Lieutenant Mayhew who was on duty at the time. Lieutenant Young then ran to the fire.

On arrival, Lieutenant Young noticed a middle-aged female and a child walking into the house next to the incident. He asked the lady if they lived in the house that was on fire, and she said no. She appeared confused. Young asked her again, and she stated, yes. Young asked if

anyone else lived in the house, and the woman stated, that her husband did. Young asked the lady where her husband was and she stated that he must still be inside.

At this time, Young called 911 using his own cell phone to give a correct address and a description of the fire, reporting a single-family split-level home with fire showing from the rear of the structure rising up about fifteen feet above the top of the house, and a large column of smoke.

A volunteer firefighter had arrived to the residence before Lieutenant Young, and was waiting outside the house. Lieutenant Young told the volunteer that the lady's husband was still inside the house. On their own initiative and without concern for their safety, both Young and the volunteer entered the house. They encountered heavy smoke and minimum visibility upstairs, the downstairs area had some smoke but was mainly clear. Young proceeded downstairs and the volunteer firefighter went upstairs. Not finding anyone downstairs, Young came outside where he met the volunteer firefighter coughing and stating he was unable to complete the search on the second floor because of the smoke.

Thick, black smoke continued to decrease visibility, however, Lieutenant Young knew the lady's husband needed to get out of the house. Lieutenant Young took a deep breath, and went inside the house for the second time, proceeding upstairs through the thick smoke and fire, walking towards the left hallway of the house, the area that had not been checked. As he got closer to the end of the hallway, Young heard the shower running in the bathroom. He kicked the door of the bathroom open and yelled that the house was on fire. Young then walked down the hallway when he heard some noise behind him.

Young turned around and a man walked towards him. Young reached out, grabbed his arm, and led him down the steps to the front door. Instead of going outside, the man went downstairs.

Young caught up with him, and again grabbed his arm and told him that help was on the way and led him to the outside.



Young told the man that the fire department was here and that they would put out the fire. The man went inside again looking for his dog. Lieutenant Young grabbed his arm again, and led him outside where he tried to console him and explained the importance of his family being safe and that his house could be replaced.

At this point, the EMS supervisor directed Lieutenant Young to report to the medic unit to get oxygen and medical attention for smoke inhalation. After being evaluated by the medic unit, Young went back to the house to console the family and asked them if they would like to join his family for Thanksgiving. The victim stated that they will be fine and thanked him for the help and offer.

### ***Bronze Medal***



**Master Technician  
Anthony E. Doran**  
Fire and Rescue Station 14  
A-Shift

**T**uesday, October 28, 2003, at approximately 10 p.m., Master Technician Doran was traveling east of Winchester when he came upon an automobile crash. The car was on its roof in the right lane, heading east on Virginia Route 50. He approached the car and noticed a ten-year-old child walking around the front of the car with clinched fists and a scared look on his face. Master Technician Doran asked him if anyone was still in the car, and the child replied "Somebody, please help save my mommy." Doran pulled over his vehicle and told his six-year-old daughter, Ali, to stay in the car. He told her he had to help someone and would be back in a few minutes.

Without hesitation and personal gear protection, Doran grabbed his flashlight, and waved it towards oncoming traffic to slow them down. He surveyed the scene and determined the only access to the automobile was through the passenger side front door, and through a small opening through the rear window. The car was on its roof, and the roof was pushed down to where the windows came out of the driver's side door.

As he crawled inside of the vehicle, Master Technician Doran discovered an unconscious female driver inverted with her waist (lower abdomen) resting on what would normally be the bottom part of the steering wheel. He could not see her head, but could hear her labored breathing which indicated she was having difficulty breathing, possibly due to a partial airway obstruction. At this point, he heard another young child crying in the back of the vehicle. Doran could not see the child from his location because the front seats had been pushed together and were blocking his view.

Master Technician Doran ran to his vehicle and put on his turn-out coat and leather gloves. When he returned to the car, he looked through the passenger rear window and could see the child's feet. Doran then crawled inside the front passenger door heading towards the driver and slid among a pool of blood, broken glass, sharp metal and other bodily fluids to assist the unconscious injured driver. At this time he heard someone identifying themselves as an off-duty firefighter, speaking to the little boy through the rear window of the car. He knew the child would be taken care of by the off-duty firefighter.

As he got closer to the driver, he quickly assessed the patient's level of consciousness and breathing, by asking her to move her legs. The victim followed commands by moving her legs and her waist started to slide off the steering wheel towards him. The victim was still breathing with difficulty and Master Technician Doran was still unable to see or access her head.

Master Technician Doran managed to assist her in stretching out her knees in a straight line and noticed her breathing sounded much better. Doran told the child in the back he needed to get



out of the car so they could help his mother. The child insisted he could not. Master Technician Doran pushed his head between the two front seats to check the child's condition. He noticed the boy had the seat belt twisted two times around his body, back, chest, and armpits, making him unable to move. Master Technician Doran retrieved his pocket knife from his coat and cut the entangled seat belt from the child, freeing him and preventing further injuries. At this moment, fire and EMS vehicles arrived.

Doran continued to help the driver by applying cervical spine immobilization, while maintaining an open airway, and assisted the patient's extrication. After turning the patient over to the emergency personnel, he went to his car to check on his child's well being and he thanked his six-year-old daughter for being so patient while he had helped those people inside. His daughter, Ali, said, "You're welcome."

The actions of Master Technician Doran during the automobile accident which involved the mother and two children are nothing short of heroic. He performed his duties in the highest traditions of the department, with extreme professionalism and dedication. He directed other drivers to stop, preventing further accidents and injuries. He gained control of the situation by placing the ten-year-old child that was walking outside in a safe environment. Master Technician Doran assisted in the disentanglement and removal of the crying child inside the vehicle, and further was able to care for the unconscious, injured driver, while exposing himself to broken glass, sharp metal, and the contamination of blood and bodily fluids.



**Firefighter**  
**Clayton Thompson III**  
Fire and Rescue Station 35  
B-Shift

On the evening of Wednesday, September 10, 2003, Firefighter Clayton Thompson, assigned to Ambulance 435, responded to a medical emergency in the Springfield area of Fairfax County. Upon arrival to the scene, Firefighter Thompson sensed something was out of place, as several people who were gathered outside the residence quickly went into the house.

As the ambulance crew approached the house, the occupants began to scatter. Finally a man came to the door, and upon being questioned, indicated that his son was sick. At this time, a man (who turned out to be the patient) came from behind Thompson and entered the house. Firefighter Thompson asked the patient to come back to the door. The patient did so, carrying a book in his arms and giving the ambulance crew the indication that he might be hiding something. While Thompson questioned the patient about his medical condition, the patient began to argue with and strike his father about the face.

Thompson and his partner retreated to the safety of their vehicle. Thompson's partner called the Public Safety Communications Center and requested police assistance for a domestic dispute. At that time, the suspect was still chasing his father and began to move aggressively toward the ambulance and the crew. A Fairfax County Police unit arrived on the scene and while attempting to diffuse the situation, the suspect broke free. Thompson exited the ambulance and proceeded to assist the officer.

Once the suspect broke free from the police officer, the suspect pulled an eightinch knife

from his pocket and began to brandish it toward the officer. The officer then pulled his weapon and aimed it at the suspect. That police officer was able to keep the suspect at bay. While this was going on, Firefighter Thompson, unable to seek safety as he was trying to assist the police officer, placed himself continuously in the line of fire. At this moment, the suspect began to focus his anger towards his father and began to move towards him, dropping the knife inadvertently.

Upon seeing the suspect drop the knife, Thompson, without hesitation and regard for his own safety, made an immediate move and threw the suspect to the ground. Thompson restrained him until the police officer, his partner, and a second police officer who had just arrived, were able to handcuff and detain the suspect.

Firefighter Thomson recognized the potential for a critical situation, remained calm and acted in a professional manner beyond the scope of his duties. While assisting the police officer, Firefighter Thompson placed himself in the line of fire. Through his quick actions and alertness, Thompson was able to forcibly immobilize the victim isolating him from the eight-inch knife. Further more, Thompson assisted the officers in restraining the victim.

The quick and unselfish heroic actions of Firefighter Thompson, during this horrific incident, go above and beyond the call of duty, and not only prevented further injuries but possibly the loss of life.

## *Certificate of Valor*



**Master Technician**

**John L. Capps**

Fire and Rescue Station 22  
A-Shift

**D**uring the afternoon of Tuesday, June 3, 2003, Master Technician John L. Capps and Cave-In Technician David W.

Barlow were traveling home in separate vehicles heading south on Virginia Route 20. Just prior to Locust Grove Middle School, the traffic came to a standstill. A severe, personal-injury automobile crash had occurred, and Capps and Barlow arrived prior to any fire and rescue units.

Master Technician Capps, who was driving ahead of Technician Barlow, quickly surveyed the scene and found two vehicles. One vehicle had several injured patients; the other vehicle had one trapped female patient. He quickly and thoroughly assessed the vehicle's stability and the patient's, without the benefit of personal protective equipment. Technician Capps then entered the vehicle through the rear window to further stabilize and assist the trapped patient. He provided airway assessment, cervical spine immobilization, and psychological reassurance to the patient.

His assessment revealed that the patient had sustained serious injuries to the head, chest, and legs, as a result of the automobile crash. He used a bystander's cell phone to call in his findings to the Orange County Communications Center, advising them of the number of patients, injuries, entrapment, and the need for a medevac helicopter for transport to a trauma center.

Upon arrival of the fire and rescue units, Technician Capps remained in the vehicle with the patient, and coordinated appropriate rescue



efforts in the treatment, stabilization and extrication of the patient, which required the driver's door, roof, and a dash roll removal.

While the extrication was in progress by the Lake of the Woods Volunteer Fire Department (who were hampered by the short staffing of the unit), Technician Barlow arrived on-scene and offered his leadership skills. He directed them in the removal of the car's roof, driver's door, and roll of the dashboard, as well as directing the cutting of the driver's seat back. This allowed for appropriate removal of the patient using a long spinal board for immobilization.

Once the driver was extricated, both Technician Capps and Technician Barlow assisted the EMS personnel with further stabilization of the patient in the ambulance and subsequently to the Medstar helicopter.

The actions of Master Technician Capps and Technician Barlow were instrumental in the successful disentanglement, stabilization, care, and transfer of the patient to the appropriate trauma center.



**Master Technician**

**Evan J. Lewis**

Fire and Rescue Station 14  
B-Shift

**D**ecember 31, 2002, Technician Evan Lewis was heading home on Westbound Route 7, when he witnessed an automobile crash just east of Route 28. Lewis witnessed a Toyota Corolla run a red light, turning left into oncoming traffic and colliding with a large service van. The collision caused substantial damage to the small vehicle coming to rest in the left lane of eastbound Route 7. Lewis parked his vehicle and crossed the

highly congested intersection to reach the vehicle. After performing a scene safety check, Lewis found an elderly female unconscious and unresponsive underneath the steering wheel. Technician Lewis began to examine the patient's condition and found her injuries to be severe. Since the victim's respiratory rate was very shallow, he opened the victim's airway with a modified jaw thrust. This action made the patient more stable and her respirations improved.

At this time, another off-duty firefighter from Loudoun County Fire and Rescue appeared and provided Technician Lewis with assistance by holding C-Spine immobilization and airway control. Technician Lewis communicated his findings to a Deputy Motor Carrier officer who just arrived. Lewis requested him to provide a more secured scene from the oncoming traffic by repositioning his vehicle, and to alert the dispatcher that a helicopter transport to a trauma center would be necessary.

In a few minutes, a Loudoun volunteer engine company and an EMS transport unit from Ashburn arrived. Technician Lewis continued to assist in patient stabilization, immobilization, and treatment.

Technician Evan Lewis acted unselfishly, performing in an outstanding and professional manner, without any personal protection and safety equipment. Lewis placed his life in danger while crossing a high traffic, fast-speed intersection, and exposing himself to blood, other bodily fluids, and broken glass, while assisting a victim of an automobile accident.



**Captain I  
Gary D. Pemberton**  
Fire and Rescue Station 25  
C-Shift

**O**n the morning of Sunday, August 17, 2003, Captain Gary Pemberton and his family were traveling on the Blue Ridge Parkway. As they came around a sharp curve, he encountered a person frantically waving for someone to stop and help with a crash victim. A motorcycle crash had just occurred, where one of several riders had slid on the wet pavement.

Captain Pemberton stopped to assist and found a 37-year-old female who was unconscious with snoring respirations. Further evaluation found blood coming from her nose and mouth. Due to the lack of cell telephone service in the mountains, 911 had not been activated. After ensuring that someone was enroute to summon help, Captain Pemberton proceeded to provide care to the victim. Without the benefit of personal protection equipment, Captain Pemberton retrieved a towel from his automobile and began using it to help clear her airway. In the process, he was exposed to the patient's body fluids. He also enlisted the help of bystanders to assist with C-spine immobilization. With no other identified injuries, Captain Pemberton assumed the patient had a serious and potentially fatal head injury.

Approximately 30 minutes after his arrival, a first responder arrived on the scene. Captain Pemberton identified himself and requested an oral airway and oxygen. A helicopter was requested to provide transportation to a trauma center. Shortly, an ambulance arrived from the Wintergreen Rescue Squad. Captain Pemberton assisted the crew from the ambulance in securing

the patient to a backboard and continued airway maintenance. Upon the arrival of the ambulance, Captain Pemberton was able to use a suction catheter and begin to further clear the patients' airway. The patient was then loaded into the ambulance and transported to the landing zone. A helicopter arrived and the patient was flown to the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville.

Without the benefit of personal protection, Captain Gary Pemberton came to the aid of a crash victim. He used his training and knowledge to help provide proper treatment along with appropriate transportation to a trauma center.

### ***Lifesaving Award***



**Technician  
Brent M. Schnupp**  
Fire and Rescue Station 29  
A-Shift

**S**aturday, July 6, 2002, while vacationing with his family and relaxing on the beach in Nags Head, North Carolina, Technician Brent Schnupp noticed a male being pulled from the ocean by a civilian and a lifeguard several hundred yards away. He noticed that the man being carried from the ocean was slumped over, possibly unconscious and unresponsive. He immediately went over to offer his assistance.

Reaching the scene, Schnupp introduced himself as a firefighter/paramedic from Fairfax County and offered to take over with the cardiac compressions, while the citizen who was assisting with Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation continued to perform ventilatory efforts. At this point, the lifeguard returned to the ocean to rescue a second near drowning victim.



A second lifeguard arrived taking over the duties of the civilian, who was assisting Schnupp with ventilations. Technician Schnupp and the lifeguard finished two series of compressions and ventilations when the engine company personnel arrived on the beach with an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and other medical equipment.

Schnupp advised the engine company personnel to hook the patient to the AED. Stopping compressions, Schnupp rechecked for a carotid pulse, and noticed the patient had regained a strong pulse. Immediately thereafter, the AED was attached to the patient and it showed a rhythm of sinus tachycardia (rhythm with no abnormalities, but faster than normal). At this moment, the advanced life support unit personnel arrived and Technician Schnupp stepped aside to allow the medical personnel to work on the patient.

Knowing of Technician Schnupp's medical skills, the medic officer in charge of the scene requested that Technician Schnupp assist them in setting up an IV bag, and to identify an IV site, while the other paramedic intubated the patient. The victim was properly secured to a backboard and a cervical collar and transported on a beach rescue truck to a medical facility.

Technician Schnupp's outstanding actions and professional knowledge exemplifies his department's commitment, and dedication while serving the community.

Through the heroic efforts initiated by Technician Brent Schnupp, the patient who was also vacationing in North Carolina, fully recovered and returned with his family the next day.

## New Course In Fire & Emergency Medical Sciences

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) is offering a new course in fire and emergency medical sciences. This initiative will combine national standard curricula from the U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in emergency medical services and the National Fire Protection Association in fire science. In addition, the Virginia Department of Fire Programs, Virginia Office of Emergency Medical Services, and Northern Virginia Community College will provide necessary resources to develop this unique first of its kind program for interested students in secondary education.

Students enrolled in this program will have the opportunity to obtain five certifications. These include Emergency Medical Technician-B certification (EMT-B), Basic Life Support Rescuer certification, Hazardous Material Response certification, and Fire Fighting I & II certifications. In addition, this course will transfer to institutions of higher learning. In fact, local partnerships with the fire and rescue operations will play a vital role in developing this authentic real-world learning experience. Fairfax County Public Schools are preparing our future emergency responders today with the knowledge, skills, and tools to respond to future security and incident readiness tomorrow.

For more information, contact:

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Coordinator of Trade and Industrial Education  
Fairfax County Public Schools  
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or  
Anne Marie Glynn  
Coordinator of Health and Medical Sciences  
Fairfax County Public Schools  
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*The winners of the 2003 Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service Awards are pictured above with Fire Chief Michael Neuhard. From left to right: Michael Toreno of the Dunn Loring VFRD, BLS Provider of the Year; Michael Masciola accepting for Virginia Burke of the Dunn Loring VFRD, Canteen Member of the Year; Kevin Piatt of the Dunn Loring VFRD, Volunteer Firefighter of the Year; Howard Springsteen of the Vienna VFD, Operational Officer of the Year; Margaret Monthan of the Dunn Loring VFRD, Administrative Officer of the Year; Anthony Stancampiano of the Vienna VFD, EMS Provider of the Year; Paul Filipowicz of the Greater Springfield VFD, Administrative Member of the Year; Joe Davis, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department/Systems Management Section, Special Recognition Award; Theresa & Alexia MacClain accepting for Erik MacClain of the Dunn Loring VFRD, Volunteer Rookie of the Year; Fabio Mir, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department/Systems Management Section, Special Recognition Award; Tim Fleming, Chair of the Volunteer Fire Commission.*



*Board of Supervisor's Chairman Gerald E. Connolly and Angie Lynd from The Virginia Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) was recognized today by Volunteer Fairfax as the winner of the Corporate Volunteer Award.*



*The committee was acknowledged as part of the annual Fairfax County volunteer awards breakfast for their efforts in building the training structure at the Academy. From left to right: Kasha Laiks, R. W. Murray; Angie Lynd, ABC; Battalion Chief Edward Brinkley, Urban Search & Rescue; Susan Herbert, Planning, Fire and Rescue Department and; Tina Franklin, CTSI.*





# 110th Recruit School



**Firefighter**  
**Peter B. Besong**  
**Station 19, C-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**Joshua R. Brandon**  
**Station 10, A-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**Allan R. Burchell**  
**Station 9, A-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**Patrick A. Butler**  
**Station 36, A-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**Dennis S. Camacho**  
**Station 26, B-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**Heather A. Campbell**  
**Station 38, C-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**Charles H. Ford IV**  
**Station 15, B-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**Ian M. Kelly**  
**Station 13, B-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**Hyun J. Lee**  
**Station 1, A-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**Javier M. Lopez**  
**Station 24, B-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**Wendy Y. Mitchell**  
**Station 34, C-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**David T. Orsi Jr.**  
**Station 30, C-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**Tae K. Pak**  
**Station 35, B-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**Scott C. Powell**  
**Station 32, A-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**Kevin J. Steinhilber**  
**Station 34, C-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**John J. Tedesco**  
**Station 17, B-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**Karen M. Torpey**  
**Station 27, C-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**Mark R. Wolfen**  
**Station 5, A-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**Michael R. Worthington**  
**Station 30, C-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**Robert C. Young**  
**Station 5, C-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**Todd M. Young**  
**Station 19, A-Shift**



**Firefighter**  
**Peter G. Zagorites**  
**Station 4, B-Shift**

# Hot Shots



**A mid-morning crash caused a significant highway incident. Five people were injured, two trapped. Four adults were transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital as a result of a two tractor trailer and three vehicle crash on the outer loop of the Interstate 495 ramp to south bound Interstate 95, Wednesday, May 19, 2004. (Photo by Lieutenant Raul G. Castillo, Public Information and Life Safety Education.)**



**Food on the stove was the cause of a single family home fire at 2218 Halcyon Lane. Two adults were displaced and damage was estimated at \$500,000.**



**Falling trusses on a townhouse under construction injured three construction workers on Cyrene Boulevard. The three patients were secured in stokes baskets and lowered to the ground by Tower 424. Two of the patients were medivaced to Inova Fairfax Hospital. (Photo by Lieutenant Raul G. Castillo, Public Information and Life Safety Education.)**



**Two patients were trapped in an overturned vehicle on River Bend Road near Georgetown Pike on March 27, 2004. (Photo by Battalion Chief Mark A. Rohr, Battalion 402.)**





*Units from the Annandale area were dispatched to a two-alarm apartment fire at 4901 Americana Drive, February 17, 2004. Fire investigators determined the cause of the fire to be accidental, improper disposal of smoking materials.*



*Firefighters arrived on the scene of a single-family, two-story home located at 12491 Marstan Moor Lane in the Fox Mill area of Fairfax County, January 14, 2004. Fire investigators determined that an unattended candle caused the fire, resulting in damages of \$60,000.*



*Firefighters arrived on the scene of a house fire on Friday, January 23, 2004, at 11801 Wayland Street in the Fair Oaks area. Fire and smoke were visible from the garage of the single-family home. Fire investigators determined that a clothes dryer self-ignited and caused the fire resulting in \$150,000 of damage.*



*Engine 424, 409, Tower Ladder 424, Medic 424, Ambulance 409, Rescue 419, BC406, EMS406, and FX01 responded to a vehicle crash on Route 1 and Woodlawn Court on February 20, 2004. An 82-year-old male was conscious and alert as firefighters worked to stabilize his vehicle and remove the roof. The patient was medivaced to Inova Fairfax Hospital by FX01.*



*Senior Joseph Bond assisted with cleaning all 18 Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department Aluminum Cans for Burned Children recycling sites and collected aluminum cans to complete his community service required to graduate from high school. From left to right: Battalion Chief James Bonzano, Arlington County Fire Department; Renee Stilwell, Chairman, Aluminum Cans For Burned Children (ACBC), Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department; Joseph Bond, Second Lieutenant Charles W. Bond, Fairfax County Police Department; and Captain Curtis E. Stilwell, Treasurer, ACBC, Arlington County Fire Department.*



# In Memory of Captain I Wilfred L. Seng

July 5, 1959 - December 26, 2003

## Kathy Seng's Eulogy For Will

**I**t has been an amazing journey for my family and me these past 11 months. Pancreatic cancer is a deadly and a difficult disease, but Will fought with all his heart and mind to help us try to understand. When we first got the news I can honestly say that I was devastated. So many things ran through my mind at that time (would Will see our boys graduate from high school, college, get married—become a grandfather...) but I knew that I had to be strong for Will and our boys if we had any chance to get through this. It hasn't been easy, but God has blessed my family and me with so many wonderful people who literally wrapped their arms around us to support us through it all. With the help of my sister, Judy, and Will's brother, John, we were able to get Will the best care and treatment allowing him to sustain a good quality of life. He surpassed the odds of survival, which helped the doctors further their studies in finding a cure.

We were able to take that trip to Disney World last summer and a baseball trip to Pittsburgh in August, thanks to the guys at 30. That was Will's big thing—on any vacation that we took—we always ended up at some baseball game. Will began an annual baseball trip about ten years ago with guys in the F.D. They would travel to new ballparks or ones that they haven't seen. This past May he took Joe with him to the new

park in Detroit. Will was able to celebrate his retirement of 23 years knowing that he made a difference. During all this, we were so overwhelmed by the support of everyone who knew us and didn't really know us. The two basketball fundraiser games where everyone came out to support Will and raise money for cancer research. The guys who played in the annual F.D. golf tournament in April, the ice hockey game and selling of the WillPower 30 t-shirts! I can't say enough of how much that meant to Will and me during these months. Little did you know—those t-shirts were the most powerful of all. I felt that anyone wearing a WillPower t-shirt was aiding in Will's ministry of Christ. You were literally walking and preaching the Word of God without saying a word. How many people asked you about that shirt? Just to explain it was having another person pray for Will and his family. Thank you. Friends bringing us meals during Will's chemo treatment, which were, arranged by a very special neighbor, Sue Marler, who took it upon herself and just did it, unselfishly. The comfort of knowing our boys were safe while we were at Georgetown for many hours, not really knowing when we would return home. There are so many of you that we could count on; Jean Finn, what can I say, we love you and thank you and your family for allowing you to be a part of our family.



Making sure the boys were safe, keeping the schools updated on our situation and so much more. Basically, being a Mom to Joe and Tommy, while I was tending to Will. Beth Holt for taking care of Tommy every Tuesday by making sure he got to his religious education class. And so many of you out there today, who gave your time and energy and prayer to help us get through this. John and Chris, Wayne and Mary Carol, for taking in the boys on weekends, allowing me to spend more time with Will at the hospital. Thank you. Judy, you know I love you. John for being there whenever I needed you.

And what can I say about the medical staffs at Georgetown, Washington Hospital Center, and Shady Grove Hospital—the care given by all was impeccable and it showed. It truly made it easier for us to handle this dreadful disease. Thank you all. My hat's off to you.

Will never said "why me?" Joe and Tommy couldn't understand and I told them that God doesn't answer all our questions right away. It may be years from now—we will get our answer as to why this happened to Will. The answer may not come until it's our turn to enter into eternal life. We just don't know. Dr. Marshall shared with us why he became a doctor. His mother died from cancer. That meant so much to me when he shared this. I couldn't wait to tell the boys. Dr. Marshall definitely touched our hearts throughout this whole process. Thank you Dr. Marshall for everything you did for Will. You are a wonderful Doctor and it showed by your care and compassion throughout Will's treatment.

I do know that Will became a minister of Christ as he traveled on this amazing journey. He may not have noticed what was happening to him and those around him. But I gained strength each day as I watched Will fight this thing. Tired as he was, he would get in the car and we would make that drive to Georgetown for yet another chemo treatment—13 in all! It took a lot out of him, but he never complained and continued to be a devoted father and loving husband that he was. Will was an amazing man and I would do anything to protect him.

Will gave us a gift on the morning that he died.

Joe, Tommy, Buddy, and me lay in bed with him. We held his hand and told him that it's OK and that we would be OK. I told Will that he would be so proud of Joe and Tommy at this moment. They never left his side. They were so strong for Will and me and enabled us to get through this. God was listening to all your prayers and he answered them especially that early December morning. I told Will as he lay there ready to go, that Joe and Tommy would grow up to be fine young men and tell their children all about him. Tommy even said, "it's OK Dad, you can go on Christmas, you will be our Christmas present for Jesus' birthday—it's OK." But Will hung on until the next morning, because he wasn't ready to go on Christmas day. In fact, he began saying "OK I'm ready" "1-2-3, Oh God! Never mind." (Waved his hand in the air and said "forget it.") That happened about 10 p.m. on Christmas night. He began his walk to paradise on Joe's birthday at noon on the 23rd. He was in such a hurry to get up the stairs. He told us that he saw angels. I have never experienced anything like it. He was so vivid with his description of what he was seeing. He was at peace. We could see this in his eyes. From that point on until the

## WillPOWER

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*From left to right: Kathy, Thomas, Joseph, Will and his brother John Seng at the First Annual basketball fund-raiser for the Pancan Organization.*

26th, Will was literally holding the hand of Jesus. I felt it and was comforted by it. Jesus was in our house and everything would be OK. Will gave us one last gift that early morning when he showed us the light of Christ through his eyes. It was truly an inspirational event, one that I will never forget.

My sister, Judy, said to me one day that only good could come out of this. It already has. One man brought so many together and my faith has grown stronger because of it. Joe and Tommy, thank you for staying strong for Dad and I. We got through it together. We're going to be OK. Thank you all for coming today to say goodbye to a wonderful man. Will, I love you—you are my hero.

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### **Remembrances of Will . . . from his family and friends**

- Dad always listened to the oldies station in the truck and would whistle to the tunes.
  - Dad was always right. Whenever he said that I should do it this way or whatever, he was right.
  - Will could always get me out of a bad day and into a happier place or state of mind just with a few words or that lopsided smile.
  - He was one of the most down-to-earth guys I have ever known. He was the best friend you could have, and I miss him already.
  - If you ever needed help with a project and you wanted it done right, Will was the one you wanted helping you. He didn't cut corners, and always remembered to "measure twice, cut once."
  - A firehouse run by principles can be like a family; a firehouse run by personalities will be a glorified frat house. Will Seng ran a firehouse. He was a personality that had principles. You can see the extended family he helped create on his shift. Our Department is the better for being a part of it.
  - Will was very proud of his wife and sons. What a life model the rest of us have—and particularly Tommy and Joe. Will gave them a good start and a fine example, holding to moral values and striving for worthwhile goals of excellence and service to others.
  - Will also was very committed to his faith. I think that was what made him such a strong individual.
  - He was a doer, not a talker. He led by example.
  - Like his father, grandfather, and some of his siblings, Will loved building things with wood. He was never boastful, even though his work was worth great praise. He loved to share the details of his projects.
  - As a toddler, Will called me "Big-a-boy." He must have heard someone call me his "big-boy" brother. One time, we told him the moon was my cookie. Later, when he saw a half-moon, he said, "Big-a-boy took a bite of his cookie!"
  - Regarding his illness, he never complained. He never gave up. We considered it an honor and a privilege to have known Will. He was a positive person with a "can-do" approach to life, whose genuine concern for other people and his generous spirit made him a unique and special person.
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## A Letter From Joseph and Joyce Seng

January 14, 2004

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department  
Attn: Chief Michael Neuhard  
4100 Chain Bridge Road  
Fairfax, VA 22030

Dear Chief Neuhard,

It is difficult to find words sufficient to thank you and your fellow firefighters and paramedics for the outstanding tribute you gave to our beloved son Will on Tuesday, January 6. From his teen-aged years, Will loved the fire-fighting profession, and he had the highest regard for those with whom he served. We do too.

We can only guess at the amount of planning, coordination, logistics, and cooperation that must have been involved to arrange for the events of that day. Enclosed is a brief summary of what occurred from our perspective. Also, here are some written comments from a friend, Tom Wood. What he wrote presents what we heard from so many. This truly was an unforgettable experience.

You should know that your demonstration of love and respect for Will was a tremendous source of strength and consolation to us at this difficult time. Please extend our sincere thanks to all members of your organization. We salute each of you, and we commend your organization for its excellence. Will must be very proud of you!

Sincerely yours,  
Will's Parents  
Joseph and Joyce Seng  
Mt. Airy, Maryland

## "Will"

**Captain Wilfrid Leonard Seng III**  
**July 5, 1959 – December 26, 2003**

**"The Last Alarm" – Tuesday, January 6, 2004**

The day began with an 11 a.m. Memorial Mass at St. Philips Catholic Church in Falls Church, Virginia, where Will and Kathy were married only 17 years ago. The church was over-filled with relatives, friends, and 450 to 500 of Will's fellow firefighters from Virginia and also from Maryland, where he had been a volunteer for many years.

Next was a police escorted caravan from church to all the fire stations in Fairfax County, Virginia, where Will had served as a firefighter since 1980. Will's family traveled in his fire engine with others of us family members being driven in other fire vehicles. In front of every fire station, firefighters (men and women) stood respectfully at attention and saluted as we passed by. Similarly, other units, posted at overpasses, saluted as our entourage proceeded below them.

In front, the fire engine carrying Will's family and the urn containing his ashes, led the way. On its right-side door, one could see the newly inscribed marking, "In Memory of Captain Wilfred L. Seng." We were told that this is to be a permanent reminder that Will died in the line of duty.

The type of procession we were in is reserved for those who give their lives in the line of duty. We had no idea of its magnitude and the diligence and coordination required by all members of the fire companies, hundreds of men and women—dedicated, courteous, loving, and devoted friends of our son. Some came from as far away as Boston, New York, and Miami.

As we lingered at the last fire station (Engine Company No. 30) where Will served, a bell was rung sounding the final alarm—Will's final call.

As we proceeded across the Potomac River from Virginia into Maryland, we could peer ahead at times and see the police motorcycle escorts, some 15 or more of them at least, peeling off one at a time to hold up traffic while we

passed. Then we saw the Fairfax County police helicopter hovering very low over the river and then stopping in mid-air as a final salute to Will.

Only then, could we look back across the bridge and get some idea of the length of our caravan. The procession extended as far as the eye could see from where we were in Maryland across the bridge over the Potomac, and well into Virginia. And all along the way, long lines of cars waited and waited for us to pass. We learned later that there was radio and television news coverage of the event and its effect on traffic.

As we arrived at All Souls Cemetery, on Brink Road near Germantown, Maryland, it took some time for all the fire vehicles and cars to assemble, filling virtually all the cemetery lanes. Meanwhile, the weather had taken a nasty change, turning quite cold and very, very windy. We were nevertheless warmed by the presence of friends, relatives, and all those wonderful firefighters, who knew, loved and respected our son Will. Father Mike Fisher, Pastor of Will's parish church—St. John Neumann in Gaithersburg—presided at the graveside service just as he had done at the memorial mass at St. Philips. We always will be grateful to him for his sensitivity and the wonderful way he handled things during Will's illness and at the very end.

All of us, in our own ways, said our farewells to Will, believing that he already is with our heavenly Father, even as he remains in our hearts and prayers. If his first assignment there was to bring all of us—his fellow firefighters, his friends, and his relatives—closer together as extended family members, he already has made great strides in accomplishing that.

In that spirit, we continued our day's journey, this time traveling north a short distance to Damascus, Maryland, where the firefighters hosted a large reception at their activities center. There were tributes given by family members and friends, flowers, photo displays, food, renewing of acquaintances, and sharing of experiences.

There was love. There was love. There was love.

Many commented that they had never experienced a funeral like this. Nor have we.

Joyce and Joe



January 13, 2004

Michael P. Neuhard  
Fire Chief  
Fairfax County Fire Department  
4100 Chain Bridge Road  
Fairfax, VA 22030

Dear Chief Neuhard:

Captain Wilfrid L. Seng, who died in the line-of-duty on December 26, 2003, was a member of the Fairfax County Fire Department in your community. He sacrificed his life in an act of courage, humanitarianism, and selfless devotion to duty. We want you to know that the loss suffered by your membership and the community is shared by the 260,000 members of the International Association of Fire Fighters. We join with you in conveying our sincere condolences to the family of Captain Seng.

Sincerely,

Harold A. Schaitberger  
General President  
International Association of Fire Fighters





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## 2004 First Quarter Promotions



*Fire Chief Michael P. Neuhard administers the promotional oath to (left to right): Technician Robert S. Browning, Fire and Rescue Station 13, B-Shift; Technician*

*Samuel L. Porter, Fire and Rescue Station 14, A-Shift; Master Technician Michael W. Whetsell, Fire and Rescue Station 1, A-Shift; Lieutenant Randall L. Bittinger, Fire and Rescue Station 19, C-Shift; Lieutenant Matthew C. Burns, Fire and Rescue Station 39, A-Shift; Lieutenant Kevin P. Edwards, Fire and Rescue Station 27, A-Shift; Lieutenant Scott L. Kraut, Fire and Rescue Station 10, C-Shift; Lieutenant Steven D. Norris, Fire and Rescue Station 1, C-Shift; Lieutenant Mark J. Plunkett, Fire and Rescue Station 22, B-Shift; Captain I James E. Lee, Fire and Rescue Station 5, B-Shift; Captain II Richard K. Moxley, EMS404, C-Shift, Battalion Chief Scotty L. Williams, EMS, and Technician Juan D. Campodonico, Fire and Rescue Station 14, B-Shift.*

# County Supervisors Receive Hands-On Live Training

*By Captain I David W. Brooks  
Fire and Rescue Academy*

On the afternoon of December 19, 2003, Supervisor Michael R. Frey, Sully District, attended a training session with Fire and Rescue Department units at the vacant Youth Center of the Lorton Prison Complex. The purpose of this visit was to provide Supervisor Frey an opportunity to observe the intense training program that the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and surrounding jurisdictions were conducting over a four-month period. This training involved large area search operations in four separate configurations conducted in zero visibility while using a tag-line and tether arrangement. It also included a coordinated team deployment and the following tasks:

- Open area with debris throughout the area and office configuration similar to the Government Center, Massey Building, County Schools, and many other County and privately owned buildings.
- Search of a mock grocery store
- Search of an auditorium



*After getting dressed in the approximately 50 pounds of fire gear, Supervisor Frey (noted in the circle) received a quick class on the use of breathing apparatus, and then joined the crew from Fairfax City Engine 403.*

After observing Fire and Rescue Department personnel conducting each of these scenarios, Supervisor Frey requested to don a complete ensemble of firefighting gear, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), and then participate in a tag-line search operation. The exercise that Supervisor Frey participated in was a search of the mock grocery store. Wax paper was placed in the face mask of all self-contained breathing apparatus to obscure the search team's vision and the operation began. Following each evolution, a critique was performed to evaluate the exercise and reiterate proper procedures and techniques that were employed by the search crew.

Supervisor Frey participated in the critique following the search operation in the mock grocery store. Supervisor Frey told firefighters that while initially observing the tag-line search operations at the different scenarios, he "didn't see what the big deal was" in completing these search operations. He then explained that after donning firefighter's gear, the self-contained breathing apparatus, and having wax paper placed in the breathing apparatus mask which eliminated his ability to see, the entire operation changed. He emphasized that the added weight of the gear, the bulky gloves, and the inability to see, completely changes the environment which he operated in and the exercise made him appreciate the work that firefighters do every day.

Prior to leaving the prison complex, Supervisor Frey was able to observe firefighters operate in a different mode. The large auditorium was the filled with theatrical smoke and several live firefighters and several 180 pound manikins were placed in the auditorium for firefighters to locate and remove. The visibility inside the



auditorium was less than two inches due to the smoke. Supervisor Frey was escorted through the auditorium during this exercise by Lieutenant George Gonzalez of the Fire and Rescue Academy. Both Supervisor Frey and Lieutenant Gonzalez were able to negotiate this environment and observe the operation by using a thermal imaging camera.

On December 22, 2003, Supervisor Dana Kauffman (Lee District) and his son Ethan joined personnel from the Fire and Rescue Department at the vacant Youth Center of the Lorton Prison Complex.

I would like to thank Supervisor Frey and Supervisor Kauffman for taking time out of their busy schedules to spend time with the personnel from the Fire and Rescue Department and observe the training they perform every day. I would also like to extend a special thanks to Mary Ashton, Assistant to the County Executive; John Howard, Assistant Supervisor of Facilities Support; and the personnel from Tecumseh Professional Services; Ron Lipscomb, Site Manager; Larry Starcher, Maintenance Supervisor; David Helmandollar, Maintenance Technician; and Eileen Neese, Administrative Assistant. This group of people approved the use of the Youth Center for this training exercise and provided access and support during the four months of training. ❖



***While Supervisor Kauffman observed the search operations, Ethan could be found posing with the search crews.***



***The Liberty Mutual "Firemark Award" is presented to Technician David Barlow by Ben Migliaccione of Liberty Mutual Group. The Firemark Award is presented annually to firefighters throughout the country who best represent their communities through valor and selfless spirit.***



***Lietuenant John Chabal and Lieutenant Ramiro H. Galvez, fire investigators, graduated from the Fairfax County Police Academy on February 24, 2004.***

# Awards & Presentations

*By Lieutenant Gary C. Dize  
Awards Committee Chairman*

I would like to congratulate all of our members who have been selected for awards by the Fire and Rescue Department, the Chamber's Valor Awards program and other organizations last year. The awards committee is an important part of our Department and meets monthly to process nominations that recognize our members who distinguish themselves in the performance of their duties and who contribute significantly to the achievement of the Department's goals. The committee consists of nine members, and are appointed by the Fire Chief. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) 02.08.01 outlines the type of awards that are available and the criteria for each award. The dates and times have been placed on the master calendar found on the intranet. The committee reviews each nomination and approves the appropriate award based on the guidelines of the S.O.P. Nominations of Valor Awards and Safe Driving originated from an individual's immediate supervisor or chief officer. ♦

## Unit Citation

### **Lake Braddock High School Engine 414**

Lieutenant Donald L. Vaught  
Technician Diron D. Powell  
Technician James P. Kotwicki  
Technician Jaun D. Campodonico

### **13365 Teaberry Court Medic 421**

Lieutenant Kimberly A. Lucas  
Technician John D. Mudge

### **Engine 436**

Captain I Michael B. Keys  
Technician Ronald S. Pifer  
Firefighter James A. Breisch  
Firefighter Justin D. Childs

### **Ambulance 436**

Technician Edward C. Lofties  
Firefighter Kevin D. Makely

### **Gallows Road/ Outer Beltway Engine 426**

Captain I Larry E. Jenkins  
Technician Thomas A. Ferguson  
Technician Anthony L. Cabrera  
Technician Robert M. Downing

### **Rescue 418**

Lieutenant Ben A. Dye  
Technician Kevin R. Dabney  
Technician Thomas W. Reedy

### **Rescue 414**

Captain I Michael L. Runnels  
Technician Samuel L. Sandeen  
Technician Michael D. Moore

### **EMS404**

Captain I Vincent R. McGregor

## Team Performance Award

### **Tyson's Corner Area Medic 429**

Lieutenant Mathew J. Louzonis  
Firefighter Douglas L. Miller

### **12613 Bridoon Lane Engine 431**

Lieutenant Paul H. Parker  
Technician Todd D. Price  
Master Technician Martin J. Bundrick  
Firefighter Robert J. Sweeny

### **4512 Lees Corner Road Medic 415**

Lieutenant Pete M. Sherwood  
Lieutenant Karrie L. Boswell

### **Engine 415**

Lieutenant Stephen E. Miller  
Lieutenant Kieth M. Luderman  
Firefighter Jason D. Triplett  
Firefighter Mark E. Kordalski

### **9215 Capricorn Court Medic 432**

Lieutenant Cynthia L. Brown  
Technician Cindy S. White

### **Ambulance 414**

Technician Samuel L. Poles  
Technician Francis O. Mensah

### **Engine 414**

Lieutenant Richard A. McKinney  
Technician Diron D. Powell  
Technician James P. Kotwicki  
Firefighter Carolyn P. Carmoody

## Career Achievement Award

Captain II James J. Walsh  
Lieutenant Carolyn Ruwe

## Meritorious Service Award

Deputy Chief John A. Burke  
Lieutenant George A. Hollingsworth  
Technician Michael A. Doran  
Firefighter Michael D. Miller  
Michael A. Andreano, Senior Building Inspector  
Howard W. Bailey, Senior Building Inspector  
Steven C. Beebe, Senior Building Inspector  
Master Technician John R. Brinkerhoff  
Wayne R. Champagne, Senior Building Inspector  
Thomas C. Christie, Senior Building Inspector  
Michael W. Clark, Senior Building Inspector  
Gregory Clarke, Senior Building Inspector  
Technician Carmen J. Defranks  
Captain I Lionel G. Duckwitz  
Captain II Steven A. Edwards  
Master Technician Douglas L. Emerson  
David E. Feiring, Senior Building Inspector  
Raymond Figueroa  
Barry Hall, Senior Building Inspector  
James T. Hartnett, Senior Building Inspector  
William E. Haynes, Senior Building Inspector  
David W. Holland, Senior Building Inspector  
Mary Alice Istvan, Senior Building Inspector



Robert J. Kesock  
 John L. Langely  
 Technician David M. Lauler  
 Captain I Robert Lynch  
 Captain I Kerwin A. McNamara  
 Technician Shawn K. McPherson  
 Technician Michael J. McQuade  
 Firefighter Wendy Y. Mitchell  
 Marlene H. Moran, Senior Building Inspector  
 James W. Parlett, Senior Building Inspector  
 Ralph Phillips, Senior Building Inspector  
 Stacy H. Pruiksma, Senior Building Inspector  
 Manson J. Pully, Senior Building Inspector  
 Deborah F. Schafer  
 Ronald W. Sheffield, Senior Building Inspector  
 Leonard E. Smoot, Senior Building Inspector  
 Terry TeWalt, Senior Building Inspector  
 Captain I Curtis G. Thomas  
 Douglas E. Turner, Senior Building Inspector  
 Captain I Steve I Weissman  
 Sandy J. Ward, Engineer II

### 3 Year Safe Driving

Lieutenant Walter A. Deihl  
 Lieutenant Kimberly A. Lucas  
 Lieutenant Natalie D. Robb  
 Technician Thomas L. Flint  
 Technician Ronald G. Bauscrman II  
 Technician Dustin K. Rice  
 Firefighter Eli D. Baskerville  
 Firefighter Michael J. Buckley

### 6 Year Safe Driving

Captain David E. Dicola  
 Master Technician Philip A. Jenkins  
 Technician Donald R. Crum  
 Technician Todd R. Gorham  
 Firefighter B. Wayne Talbot

### 15 Year Safe Driving

Master Technician Michael C. Lewis  
 Master Technician Kevin T. Slack  
 Technician Louis J. Berkeszi  
 Technician Timothy E. Fowler

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advanced step, and upon completion of internship will also be eligible for premium pay. The firefighter/medic will be required to maintain ALS certification. We also are in the process of changing the job classification requirements for the EMS technician position. In the future, EMS technicians will be required to be ALS certified.

The Department continues to



**The Bombers participated in the 2004 Firefighter Bowling Tournament that was held on March 20, 2004, to benefit the Firefighters' Fund of Fairfax County. Tournament participants raised \$3,400 for the Firefighters' Fund and a special raffle raised \$700 for Lieutenant Dino Mahaffey, Prince Georges County Fire Department, and brother of Technician Wade F. Mahaffey, Fire and Rescue Station 11, C-Shift. Left to right: Captain I Cheri E. Stroup, Beverly Carroll, Marjorie Porter, Captain II Richard A. Sweatt, Mary J. Dargusch, Edith V. Beitzel, Margaret A. Carroll, and Brenda L. Tincer.**

maintain the heavy apparatus fleet, even in these tight budget times, with the addition of 11 new battalion buggies, a new fire and rescue boat, two new mid-mount aerial platforms, three new mass casualty units, and two new hazardous materials hybrid units, all with anticipated delivery within the next four to five months. These units continue to ensure that we have the best equipment available to meet the needs of the residents of Fairfax County.

The Department is now implementing a five-year plan to issue uniformed personnel Special Operations Gear to be worn on non-structural fire incidents. This gear is lighter, retains less heat, and provides more maneuverability than the current structural firefighting gear. In addition, through a Metropolitan Washington regional effort and funding, we will be issuing a second set of structural firefighting gear

during the upcoming year to improve the resiliency of our response capability, particularly to large-scale incidents in which our personal protective gear might be contaminated or damaged. We will be providing more details on this program in the future. It is anticipated that additional equipment, such as Level B protective gear, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus, and PAPRS, will be purchased and distributed to regional fire departments through a regional program to increase the personal protective clothing infrastructure of Metropolitan Washington fire and rescue departments.

As I close, please remember that our profession provides many opportunities each day to become ill or injured – **please always use your protective gear and follow established protocols.** Ensure that while

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# Central Florida Public Safety Ice Hockey Tourney for MDA

**D**uring the first week of January 2004, Local 2068 members Bob Banasik, T. J. Cabrerra, Pete Masters, and Brent Schnupp teamed up with fellow brothers from D.C., Montgomery County, and Orlando Police to compete in the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Central Florida Public Safety Ice Hockey Tournament to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). The tournament organized and hosted by Orlando Fire proved to be a huge success raising \$2,000 for MDA and bringing brothers together from all over North America to compete on the ice. Competing in the B Division, the Local 2068 team placed second in the division going 2-2 in their four games. The first day resulted in victories

over Columbus Fire and Fort Worth Fire and the second day ended in two losses to Bangor Maine and Central Florida. Both were hard fought one goal games. The Fire Department of New York (FDNY) proved to be the top teams taking first place in both the A and B Divisions with victories over Windsor Canada and Bangor Maine in both finals. Overall, the tournament was a huge success raising money for a worthy charity, great hockey against Union Brothers from all over North America and warm Florida 80 degree weather in January; we'll be going back every year for sure.

Currently the Local 2068 team along with Brothers and Sisters from Arlington and D.C. is



*Fellow brothers from the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, District of Columbia, Montgomery County, and Orlando Police competed in the First Annual Central Florida Public Safety Ice Hockey Tournament to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.*



continuing to compete at the Ashburn Ice House in the C2 Division. We are also preparing for our first season, starting in mid-February 2004, in the U. S. National Public Safety Hockey League where we will be competing in the Mid-Atlantic Division under the name of the Northern Virginia/Maryland Firefighters. Teams from Baltimore County, FBI, D.C. Police, and Howard County will make up the Mid- Atlantic Division. Games will run from mid-February to the end of March with the top two teams in each division advancing to a two-day championship final in May 2004, in Raleigh, North Carolina. Go to our team website link for our 2004 schedule, photos and news on the team. Any questions comments or interest in possibly joining the team contact Technician Brent M. Schnupp at Fire and Rescue

Station 29, A-Shift, [www.eteamz.com/USPSHL/index.cfm?league=1545615&subsite=2214570](http://www.eteamz.com/USPSHL/index.cfm?league=1545615&subsite=2214570), or at 703-403-9325. ❖

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driving you maintain due regard for your safety and the general public, by driving at appropriate speeds and in a defensive manner at all times. In order to effectively serve the public, we must arrive safely and be ready to go. In order to take care of our families, we must arrive home safely after each tour of duty.

I hope each of you has an opportunity to spend time with your family and loved ones this summer – stay safe and do your best everyday.

Finally, we will not be remembered for what we do, but how we treat each other and those we respond to help. To maintain the level of service we are expected to deliver, we must respect each other, work to develop each others strengths to maximum potentials, and work as a team. It is imperative that we remember that we are professionals and as such must treat each other in the same manner. It is each of our responsibility to act, react, and conduct ourselves in appropriate ways to ensure a fair, equitable and safe work environment and the highest level of service to the community.

Sincerely



Chief Neuhard

## Top 10 Activity Report

### January - April 2004

#### Ambulance

Unit	Calls
A 413	847
A 408	705
A 430	698
A 409	691
A 434	649
A 411	626
A 410	616
A 438	598
A 414	580
A 436	557

#### Engine Company

Unit	Calls
E 410	1,008
E 421	1,008
E 422	999
E 409	993
E 408	905
E 425	886
E 429	886
E 413	876
E 426	869
E 401	854

#### Rescue Company

Unit	Calls
R 426	534
R 421	531
R 418	460
R 411	422
R 401	383
R 419	351
R 414	296
R 439	288

#### Medic

Unit	Calls
M 418	1,011
M 422	989
M 421	936
M 426	856
M 429	829
M 410	825
M 408	823
M 405	819
M 425	816
M 417	799

#### Battalion Chiefs & EMS Captains

Unit	Calls
EMS 404	556
EMS 405	504
EMS 403	485
EMS 406	442
EMS 402	441
EMS 401	356
BC 404	250
BC 403	211
BC 406	210
BC 402	195

#### Ladder Company

Unit	Calls
T 425	530
T 410	525
T 429	480
T 422	403
T 408	386
T 430	377
T 436	344
T 405	332
T 411	313
T 401	303

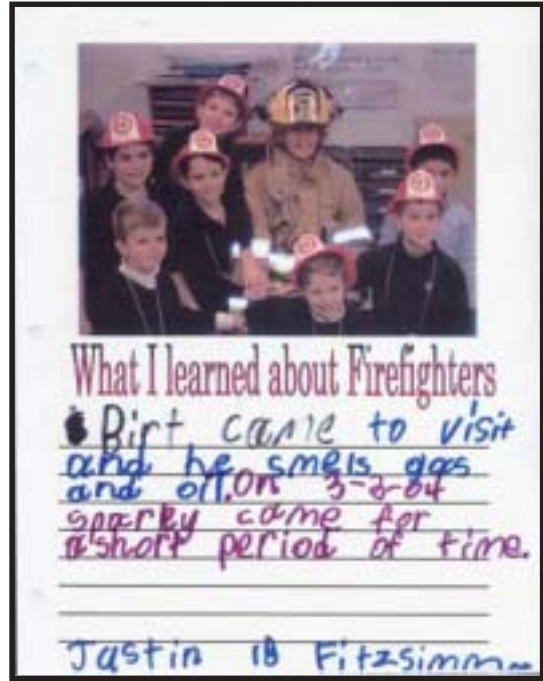
Unit activity is compiled from the event history file. A unit must be dispatched to a call or added on to be counted. Mutual aid dispatches are included in the activity report.



# Community Program Highlights



*Carmen Archambault (third from left) was recognized at the Vienna Town Hall on April 13, 2004, for baking cakes over the last several years for Fire and Rescue Station 2 and 13.*



*Firefighters and paramedics at Herndon Fire and Rescue Station 4 have new kitchen tables. However, these are no ordinary kitchen tables thanks to an eighth grade art class at Herndon Middle School. Responding to a request from the firefighters at Station 4, Dr. Jenkins, the principal, and Ms. Clair Simanski, art teacher, at Herndon Middle School agreed to allow students in one of the eighth grade art classes to paint and draw on the tables. The students painted pictures of the Herndon Fire and Rescue Station, fire apparatus, and art that represented firefighters and paramedics in action. Students also included personal art as memorials to honor firefighters and paramedics. All of the art was student selected and produced. When the tables were finished, the crew from the station came to the middle school to thank the artists, and posed for photographs with the students and the principal. For many of the students this was their first experience working on such a project and also their first experience exploring the world of the fire and rescue services.*



# Large Loss Fire Investigations

Date: 11/02/2003 Box: 1930 Address: 10100 Richmond Highway Type: Structure Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$500,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 11/13/2003 Box: 2808 Address: 6507 Dearborn Drive Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Smoking Value: \$500,000 Loss: \$50,000 Status: Closed
Date: 11/13/2003 Box: 2300 Address: 9400 Wrought Iron Court Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Kitchen Value: \$500,000 Loss: \$200,000 Status: Closed
Date: 11/13/2003 Box: 3509 Address: 8906 Palmer Drive Type: Structure Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$10,000,000 Loss: \$10,000,000 Status: Closed
Date: 11/18/2003 Box: 3203 Address: 10324 Zion Drive Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Woods Value: \$115,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 11/25/2003 Box: 4408 Address: 1209 Bicksler Court Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Fireplace Value: \$400,000 Loss: \$200,000 Status: Closed
Date: 11/28/2003 Box: 0111 Address: 1901 Gilson Street Type: Residential Cause: Undetermined Value: \$457,000 Loss: \$234,000 Status: Inactive
Date: 12/05/2003 Box: 3110 Address: 2495 Pyreness Court Type: Residential Cause: Incendiary Value: \$161,895 Loss: \$161,895 Status: Closed
Date: 12/07/2003 Box: 1801 Address: 6808 Westlawn Drive Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Gas Value: \$650,000 Loss: \$300,000 Status: Closed
Date: 12/10/2003 Box: 0809 Address: 7806 Little River Turnpike Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Candle Value: \$330,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 12/12/2003 Box: 1008 Address: 3408 Nevius Street Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Kitchen Value: \$330,000 Loss: \$150,000 Status: Closed
Date: 12/16/2003 Box: 3120 Address: 11917 Richland Lane Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Candle Value: \$750,000 Loss: \$750,000 Status: Closed
Date: 12/30/2003 Box: 1012 Address: 3845 Pinewood Terrace Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$275,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 1/08/2004 Box: 3507 Address: 8019 Chippenham Court Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Heater Value: \$700,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 1/14/2004 Box: 3100 Address: 12493 Marstan Moor Lane Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Candle Value: \$420,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 1/23/2004 Box: 2106 Address: 11801 Wayland Street Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Dryer Value: \$960,000 Loss: \$152,000 Status: Closed
Date: 1/31/2004 Box: 1200 Address: 803 Trenton Woods Avenue Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Gas leak Value: \$750,000 Loss: \$400,000 Status: Closed
Date: 1/31/2004 Box: 0923 Address: 2713 Woodlawn Trail Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Salamander Value: \$300,000 Loss: \$150,000 Status: Closed
Date: 2/01/2004 Box: 1092 Address: 5107 Leesburg Pike Type: Commercial Cause: Accidental-Heater Value: \$56,368,575 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 2/07/2004 Box: 1801 Address: 3157 Annandale Road Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$270,000 Loss: \$175,000 Status: Closed
Date: 2/16/2004 Box: 0814 Address: 4901 Americana Dr. #202 Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Smoking Value: \$1,000,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 2/17/2004 Box: 1921 Address: 8413 Dampier Court Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Kitchen Value: \$180,000 Loss: \$100,000 Status: Closed
Date: 2/17/2004 Box: 0112 Address: 6924 Butternut Court Type: Residential Cause: Accidental-Electrical Value: \$500,000 Loss: \$200,000 Status: Closed



***The Ground Breaking Ceremony on March 18, 2004, signified the start of construction on Fairfax Center Fire and Rescue Station 40. Participants from left to right: Acting Captain II Richard A. Roatch, Fire and Rescue Station 34, A-Shift; Adam K. Thiel, Executive Director, Virginia Department of Fire Programs; Wayne Hughes, Hughes Group Architects; Fire Chief Michael P. Neuhard; Chairman Gerald E. Connolly, Board of Supervisors; Supervisor Michael R. Frey, Sully District; Dave Jackson, Zadmer Enterprises, Incorporated; and Ronald N. Kirkpatrick, Director, Planning & Design Division, Department of Public Works & Environmental Services).***



***Excavation has been completed at the site of the Fairfax Center Fire and Rescue Station 40 located 4621 Legato Road, Fairfax. The target completion date is late Spring 2005.***





*Students from Robinson Secondary School participated in a Mass Casualty Drill at Robinson High School on May 2, 2004. As part of the drill units were dispatched for a collapsed bleacher that resulted in numerous injuries. Additional resources were requested to assist with stabilization of bleachers and to provide aid to more than 25 patients.*



*The Hybla Valley community held a community day on May 15, 2004, to educate the residents on services available from Fairfax County. Personnel from Fire and Rescue Stations 9, 11, 24, C-Shift, provided units on display and the Progressive Firefighter's and Officers Association provided grills and cooks for food donated by Safeway for the event.*

# Taking Up



**Technician**  
**Kevin M. Jones**

**Entry Date:** May 21, 1979

**Retirement Date:** May 28, 2004

**Assignments:** 4, 16, 12, 29, and 21

**Likes about the Fire**

**Department:** Helping people, teamwork, learning new tools and equipment, and running calls.

**Will miss about the Fire**

**Department:** Friends I have made and the excitement of running calls.

**Plans for the future:** Work at Martins Grocery Store. Go to West Virginia University football games, travel with my wife and try to slow down a little and enjoy life.

**Words of wisdom:** Never stop learning. Don't neglect your family for fire department things. Take time for yourself – a day off now and then won't hurt anybody.

**What got you interested in the fire service?** Started as a volunteer at the Boyce, Virginia, Volunteer Fire Department, Gary Pope was my neighbor and talked me into making it a career.

**Who or what made an influence in your career?**

Richard Slepetz, Roger Wilson, crews (Rescue 421) I rode with, and Jack Billhimer.



**Master Technician**  
**Dallas V. Slemp**

**Entry Date:** February 12, 1979

**Retirement Date:** April 16, 2004

**Assignments:** 17, 32, 23, 16, 22, 5, 26, 12, Warehouse, and Urban Search and Rescue Team

### **Likes about the Fire**

**Department:** I have enjoyed all the friendships that I have made with so many people that I have either worked with or been around in the department. The last ten or so years I have always felt that working in the warehouse, that it was my duty to make sure that everyone in the field had their needs met so that they could perform well and it was gratifying knowing that we could make a difference behind the scenes. I have enjoyed being on the USAR team and having the experience to travel within the United States and abroad to assist others in time of need.

### **Will miss about the Fire**

**Department:** Knowing that I will lose contact with many of those still in the department, and seeing the new recruits as they come through the warehouse for uniforms. I can tell you, I will not miss those that cannot make a decision and when they finally do, they want everyone else to jump through the hoops to get them what they want and then they want it

done yesterday. And of course, working with Marty Smith and all the great staff in Resource Management.

**Plans for the future:** Going to work for Battelle, a federal contractor for the Department of Homeland Security. Enjoying a slower pace and going out as often as possible and hitting those golf balls.

**Words of wisdom:** Always give 100 percent to every assignment that you are given, even those that you may not agree with and you can then look back and say with no regrets that you did make a difference.

**What got you interested in the fire service?** I started as a volunteer and this became my passion . . . to have firefighting as my career.

**Who or what made an influence in your career?** Bill Timmons, Richard Slepetz, Dewey Perks, Dean Cox, Cliff Rogers, Marty Smith, Doug Turner, and all others that I had the opportunity to work with.

## **Retirements**

Captain II

Edgar I. Burlingame, Jr.  
December 16, 1989 - April 3,  
2004

Captain II

Robert C. Dubé  
April 9, 1988 - April 30, 2004

Technician

Kevin M. Jones  
May 21, 1979 - May 28, 2004

Technician

William S. Keller  
April 30, 1984 - May 1, 2004

Lieutenant

Ellis Murphy  
May 4, 1981 - December 31, 2003

Master Technician

Dallas L. Slemp  
January 28, 1989 - April 16, 2004

Technician

Thomas P. Smith  
May 21, 1979 - May 18, 2004

## **Anniversaries**

### **5 Years**

William J. Atwell  
David G. Bentley  
Mark R. Butler  
Danny C. Doyle  
Carl D. Ericson  
Scott R. Fickes  
James J. Galvin  
Robert M. Garza  
Sean D. Hodgson  
Stephen J. Hurst  
Brian P. Jenkins  
Robert W. Kitchen  
Daniel J. Kwiatkowski  
Britt M. Lauler  
Barry W. Maham  
Haywood P. Marshall  
Blake C. Myers  
Shannon M. Oswald  
Edward L. Payne  
Christopher A. Pittman  
Gary S. Reuter  
Hector J. Rivera Flores  
Patrick Sheehan  
Michael L. Skeele  
Alex E. Stewart  
William D. Vance

**10 Years**

John G. Adams  
 Kevin W. Bell  
 Derek A. Edwards  
 Sean T. Evans  
 Ramiro H. Galvez  
 Dovel C. Gilmore  
 Samuel L. Gray  
 Matthew T. Groff  
 Trenton L. Houghton  
 Mark C. Johnson  
 Tamara A. Jung  
 Patrick J. Keenan  
 Christopher H. Kempton  
 Ryland B. Kendrick  
 Jeffrey S. Lewis  
 Anthony L. Liddell  
 John C. Manvell  
 Glenn A. Mason  
 Glenn B. Mooneyham  
 Dennis Passmore  
 Christine A. Penska  
 Mark J. Plunkett  
 Derrick A. Richardson  
 Charles W. Ryan  
 Dwan D. Starks  
 Renee H. Stilwell  
 Cheri E. Stroup  
 David H. Stroup  
 David L. Warner  
 Davine M. Williams

**15 Years**

Clifton Allen  
 Richard M. Arthur  
 John R. Brinkerhoff  
 Jon P. Bruley  
 Wayne T. Burgess  
 Brian K. Cannon  
 Daryl T. Casey  
 Charles H. Clark  
 Jacques A. Cochran  
 Robert W. Dickerson  
 Frank A. Erwin  
 Timothy E. Fowler  
 Marlon D. Garner  
 Joseph L. Kiser  
 Kelly J. Lehman

Deborah Kay Mauck  
 Lisa M. McCauley  
 Thomas C. Meloy  
 Daniel C. Mitchell  
 Richard N. Mitchell  
 Gary E. Morin  
 Keith D. Morrison  
 Marjorie Porter  
 Michael C. Schaff  
 William A. Sutphin  
 Jack L. Walmer  
 James E. Wilkerson  
 Elton N. Wright

**20 Years**

Randy M. Blakey  
 David M. Bryant  
 Clyde M. Buchanan  
 Michael W. Clark  
 Christina A. Fisher  
 Ronald E. Franklin  
 George O. Gonzalez  
 Susan H. Herbert  
 James A. Iacone  
 William S. Keller  
 Kimberly A. Kuranda  
 Jacqueline B. Lewis  
 James T. Morris  
 Paul H. Parker  
 Norman J. Propst  
 Randy H. Propst  
 Charles E. Pullen  
 Wayne A. Richardson  
 Manuel L. Stribling  
 David L. Taylor

**25 Years**

Christian A. Bastin  
 Lonnie G. Belk  
 John C. Berner  
 Tony E. Biller  
 Richard E. Bright  
 Gregory A. Bunch  
 Walton B. Eamich  
 Delbert L. Feaster  
 George M. Harley  
 William V. Hedrick  
 Jaime T. Herbert

Ricky A. Hess  
 William R. Hitchings  
 Michael M. Huffman  
 Kevin M. Jones  
 Gene E. Kelley  
 Paul A. Masiello  
 Richard A. McKinney  
 Kenneth M. Monteleone  
 Dallas D. Phillips  
 Thomas W. Reedy  
 David L. Rohr  
 Thomas P. Smith  
 Russell L. Strube  
 Richard A. Sweatt  
 Joseph K. Swift  
 Martin Tasker  
 Eric D. Walker

**30 Years**

Sunnie Cardwell  
 Milton Goldsmith  
 Larry E. Jenkins

## New Hires

Jennifer Lyn Keane-Seay







## Station Profile

### Oakton Fire and Rescue Station #34

**Acting Captain II**  
**Richard A. Roatch**  
Station Commander

**Station Constructed:** March 1983

**Station Specialty:** Hazardous Materials Response

**Square miles in first due area:** 8.9

**Specific hazardous/target areas:** AT&T, Sunrise Alzheimer's residence, Sunrise Assisted Living, Oakmarr Recreation Center, several secure government contractor office buildings, and sections of Interstate 66

**Total calls in 2003:** 4,379

**Equipment assigned to station:** Engine, Ambulance, Hazmat Unit, Hazmat Support Unit and Utility Vehicle.

**Station personnel:** **A-Shift:** Acting Captain II Richard A. Roatch, Lieutenant E. Martin Ranck, Master Technician Charles R. Cunningham, Master Technician Robert A. Joy, Master Technician Glenn A. Mason, Master Technician Sean J. O'Connor, Technician Lillie Allen-Peyton, Technician Mickey A. Deans, Technician David A. Hessler, Technician Ronald J. Kuley, Technician Mark P. Menton, Firefighter Kyung S. Ha, Firefighter Stephen J. Painter. **B-Shift:** Captain I Milton Painter, Lieutenant Elton W. Polen, Master Technician Joseph M. Kratochvil, Master Technician James A. Perkins, Master Technician Jack L. Walmer, Master Technician Kelly W. Woolf, Technician Gregory A. Keppley, Technician Britt M. Lauler, Technician William S. Moreland, Technician Christopher M. Morgan, Firefighter Rodney D. Snapp, Firefighter Daniel M. Sova. **C-Shift:** Captain I Craig N. Buckley, Lieutenant Danny R. Urps, Master Technician David K. Sellers, Technician Smith T. Banks, Technician Joseph P. Gorman, Technician Robert D. Hicks, Technician Mark A. Nash, Technician Hector J. Rivera Flores, Technician Jeffery L. Smith, Technician Richard C. Vannoy, Technician Clifford A. Watson, and Firefighter Ben G. Coffman.

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